

erroneous, or that the supposed rate of progress of migrant birds is not approximately correct, although, it must be granted, not yet grounded on satisfactory data and proper methods. The chances are that the inaccuracies due to faulty methods or insufficient data result in the main in approximately correct averages, the errors largely counterbalancing each other. Yet we have at present, it must be admitted, crude results as opposed to scientific accuracy.—J. A. A.

Birds of the New Haven Region.—‘A List of the Birds of the New Haven Region,’ compiled by a Committee, forms Bulletin No. 1 of the New Haven Bird Club (pp. 32), issued in May of the present year. The Committee consists of six members of the Club,¹ with Dr. L. B. Bishop as Advisory Committee. The region is divided into five areas, which are described as regards their topography and ornithological features. Following this preliminary matter is the annotated list, numbering 217 species, with a supplementary list of nearly a hundred species which have become extinct or are so rare as not to be ordinarily found within the region. The list is intended as “a brief and simple guide to the birds of the New Haven region,” to serve as an aid to “teachers and others interested in knowing what birds to look for and to a certain extent when and where to look for them.” It is based for the most part on the field notes of the members of the committee taken within the last few years, and thus may be regarded as reflecting present conditions. The annotations relate to the seasons of occurrence, abundance, and special haunts of the species within the region. The list will no doubt well serve its purpose, and is a commendable piece of work, as regards both its intent and execution.—J. A. A.

‘A Check List of Rhode Island Nesting Birds.’—This ‘List’² is based on records covering the period 1890 to 1908, and comprises only species known to breed in the State. These number 104, with a supplemental list of 15 others that have been reported as breeding in Rhode Island, but of which the Commissioners have been unable to find “accurate or satisfactory nesting data.” It is not assumed that no others than those admitted to the main list breed in the State, it being thought best to have the list accurate as far as it goes. Several of the species given in the second list doubtless formerly bred in the State, if they do not at the present time. The list is printed on only one side of the paper, and the annotations consist of a definite breeding record, with the authority therefor, and the situation of the nest and number of eggs, without any remarks on the abundance

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